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Commissioner for Patents
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RE: Patent Application of Scott A. Heimermann and Stephen Danforth, Patent Application No. 09/934411, filed Aug. 21, 2001

Dear Commissioner or Designee:

Following the filing of the above patent application, neither my co-inventor (Scott A. Heimermann) nor I have heard any word from the USPTO concerning processing of this application, except only receipt of a filing receipt.

If there is any deficiency in our patent application, or if our patent application is not now receiving processing in due course for any reason, please respond at your very earliest convenience, advising as to what remedial action may be required, or alternatively what status our application may presently be in, and how we can assist in assuring that it resumes such regular processing status.

If you do not respond to this letter, we will assume that our patent application is currently 'on track' for such regular processing by your office. We understand from news media reports that your staff of examiners are currently burdened with many patent applications. Accordingly, we ask no more than processing of our application in its priority of arrival, and as time and circumstances permit. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stephen Danforth

cc: Scott A. Heimermann

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